South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2019 10:00 A.M. Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, Room 105 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board Members Present

Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D. CCC-A, Chairperson Beth F. Montgomery, M.S., CCC-SLP, Vice Chair Jason Wigand, Au.D., CCC-A Sara D. Emory, M.S., CCC-SLP

Staff Present

Bob Horner, Advice Counsel Mack Williams, Administrator Julia Lawson, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at 110 Centerview Drive Columbia, SC 29210 Board of Examiners in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology office, lobby of the Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Call to Order

Dr. Wilson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., Room 105 Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Approval of Agenda

The April 18, 2019 agenda was presented for review and approval.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wigand and approved.

Approval of Minutes

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to approve the January 17, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Montgomery and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

The Board approved the absence of Ms. Bunge.

New Business

<u>OIE Report-</u> Mr. Hinson, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, presented the OIE Report. Quarterly statistics for the second quarter. No new information. The Board accepted the OIE report as information.

IRC Report- Mr. Hinson, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, presented the IRC Report. There were no cases to report. The Board accepted the IRC report as information.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Ms. Baldwin, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the ODC report; there are six (6) open and pending cases. The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Financial Report: Mr. Williams reviewed the finance report. The Board accepted the finance report as information.

Disciplinary Hearing:

Memorandum of Agreement

Lauren Techel: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Techel's license should be reinstated to practice as a speech language pathologist in South Carolina. Ms. Techel did appear before the Board and was represented by Peter Rutledge, Esq.

<u>Motion:</u> In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding renewal application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Emory and approved.

<u>Motion:</u> Ms. Montgomery made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wigand and approved.

<u>Motion:</u> Dr. Wigand made a motion to reinstate the license with conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Montgomery and approved.

Initial Application:

Charla Lewis: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Lewis be granted a license to practice as a speech language pathologist in South Carolina. Ms. Lewis did appear before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion:</u> In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding initial application. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wigand and approved.

<u>Motion:</u> Dr. Wigand made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Emory and approved.

<u>Motion:</u> Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve initial license for Ms. Lewis. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wigand and approved.

Continuing Education Request for Approval or Disapproval

Lowcountry Therapy: Practical evaluation and intervention strategies for feeding disorders in **Pediatrics**

The board requested additional information be submitted.

Discussion Items

Telepractice Initial Evaluation:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding telepractice initial evaluations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Emory and approved.

Motion: Ms. Montgomery made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Emory and approved.

There was not sufficient evidence presented to change the language on its policy regarding telepractice.

Audit Schedule: Random audit notification will go out by May 15th.

Renewals: Mr. Williams updated the Board on the renewals.

Legislative Updates: Mr. Williams updated the Board on pending legislative updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wigand and approved.

(The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.)

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